

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1980–1986. **Page S702**

Measures Passed:

Drought Information Act: Senate passed S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Warren (for Pryor) Amendment No. 2713, to reduce the authorization of appropriations amount.

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Human Trafficking in the United States: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 340, expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary measures should be taken to protect children in the United States from human trafficking, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are trafficked for sex, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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100th Birthday of Daisy Bates: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 341, observing the 100th birthday of civil rights leader Daisy Bates and honoring her legacy as an American heroine, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

Veterans Medical Services and Benefits: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1950, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans.

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Conference Reports:

Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consider-

ation of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 20), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—20) **Page S690**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S705.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SAFEGUARDING CONSUMERS' FINANCIAL DATA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine safeguarding consumers' financial data, including S. 1927, to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches,

after receiving testimony from William Noonan, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, Criminal Investigative Division, Cyber Operations Branch; Jessica Rich, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; James A. Reuter, FirstBank, Lakewood, Colorado, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Mallory Duncan, National Retail Federation, Washington, D.C.; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Falls Church, Virginia; and Troy Leach, Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council, Phoenix, Arizona.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 3982–3985; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 471 were introduced. **Page H1544**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1545**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 470, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3590) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–339).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1517**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1517**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H1517**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act: H.R. 1791, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to codify authority under existing grant guidance authorizing use of Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding for enhancing medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 32 and **Pages H1518–20, H1526–27**

GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act: H.R. 357, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require

courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 33. **Pages H1520–26, H1527–28**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, to make other improvements in the laws relating to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.” **Page H1528**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1526**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces and their families. **Page H1527**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1526–27 and H1527–28. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.